

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Thomas RICHARDSON et al.

Group Art Unit 1614

Serial No.: 10/058,835

Examiner: Timothy E Betton

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Confirmation No.: 2416

For: METHODS FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE LOCAL DELIVERY OF DRUGS FOR  
ABLATION OF UNWANTED TISSUE

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith and in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 10, 2009, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a three-month extension of time is filed with the RCE. Applicants assert under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1) that they are currently entitled to small entity status and the fees are paid accordingly.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.